



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **MATSUZAWA, Minoru, et al.**

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Examiner: **JOLLEY, Kirsten**

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FOR: SUBSTRATE TREATMENT APPARATUS AND SUBSTRATE TREATMENT METHOD

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 30, 2008**, the period for response extended to March 30, 2009, by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is concurrently filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.